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Szostak et al.

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Art Unit: 1634

For: SELECTION OF PROTEINS USING RNA-
PROTEIN FUSIONS

Examiner: B. J. Forman

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 21, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action and authorize charge of the requisite fees to Deposit Account No. 18-1945 under Order No. COTH-P07-701.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.